IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of OCT 1 6 2006 SATO et al. Art Unit 1765 Application Number: 10/648,399 **Examiner Filed: August 27, 2003** Alanko, Anita Karen METHOD FOR CONVERTING AND PURIFYING For: MATERIALS FOR MODIFYING SURFACES OF SEMICONDUCTOR NANOPARTICLES

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 **Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one (1) month. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is \$120.00.

Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account 08-1480. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Also filed is a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement.

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